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REMARKS

Claims 74-88 are pending, claims 83-98 having been newly added. Claims 74, 83, and 87 are independent. Claim 74 has been amended to correct a typographical informality and to recite limitations related to identifiers for identifying the BIH and the CCM.. Support for the amendments to claim 74, and for new claims 83-98, is believed to be self-evident from the specification including, e.g., paragraphs 0086, 0096, 0098, and 0116 through 0122 of the application as published.

In the action mailed May 18, 2004, the drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5). FIG. 10A has been amended to include reference numeral 164 to indicate the dermal layer to which ring 162 is anchored by adhesives 166, as described, e.g., at page 20, line 20-25. Reference numeral 188 has been deleted and replaced with reference numeral 194. Support for this change is believed to be self-evident from FIG 10A. No new matter has been added.

The specification was objected to as referring to "head/sensor assembly 182." The specification has been amended to delete this reference and instead refer to "sensor mounting head 182" as described at page 22, line 1-2.

It is believed that these changes to the drawings and to the specification address the Examiner's concerns.

Claims 74 and 82 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U. S. Patent No. 6,645,142 to Braig et al. (hereinafter "Braig") and U. S. Patent No. 4,402,694 to Ash et al. (hereinafter "Ash"). The remaining claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Braig, Ash, and U. S. Patent No. 5,242,415 to Kantrowitz et al. (hereinafter "Kantrowitz").

All three independent Claims now include limitations related to a subdermally implanted parameter sensor and a communications module, each of which have associated identifiers that are transmitted to data collection and/or management systems. As explained in the specification, such a system allows multiple sensors to communicate with a single communications module, and allows separate and independent replacement of a sensor and an associated communications module.

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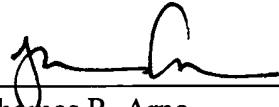
It is respectfully submitted that none of Braig, Ash, and Kantrowitz describe or suggest these features and it is therefore respectfully submitted that the cited art does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness of the now pending claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 74, and the claims dependent therefrom, be withdrawn.

A check is enclosed for the additional claims fee. Please apply any charges or credits, including any fees for an extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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